

# *Coin Board News*

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Internet offerings of coin boards remain very scarce, after having been fairly plentiful a year or two ago. Is it because there are simply no more available, or are people just holding onto what they have? Perhaps it's only symptomatic of the generally slow economy, as I've noticed reduced listings of coin albums and folders, too. From time to time I place some boards on sale at eBay, knowing that they will likely bring disappointing results, but I do this to introduce more potential enthusiasts to this fun area of collecting and to build up my mailing list. It's my small attempt at missionary work.

On a more upbeat note, there have been several new discoveries over the past couple of months. I made an excellent purchase of boards during a recent trip to California that not only provided some nice quality duplicates for the current price list but also revealed two new varieties not previously known to me. The most significant find was a dramatically distinctive variety of the Lincoln Printing Company coin board for Early Nickels. This board is identical in to L5¢Ad, but it is printed on unmarbled paper, the only such board I've seen in the entire Lincoln line. I suspect that this was due to wartime paper shortages, much as Oberwise varied his standard color scheme during that period. I've labeled this variety L5¢Ae, as it almost certainly came after L5¢Ad.

Sharp-eyed board collector Chris Buck has found two new varieties. The first relates to the Lincoln brand board for Buffalo Nickels and is transitional mule between the known varieties L5¢Bc and L5¢Bd. Therefore, I've revised the existing entry L5¢Bc to L5¢Bc.1 and have added his discovery piece as L5¢Bc.2. This is similar to L5¢Bc.1, with the same face printing, but its back is closer to that of L5¢Bd, with the muddled sequence of board titles. Its back is also transitional, giving a date span of "from 1913 to 1937 inclusive" as seen on the 'a' through 'c' varieties, while L5¢Bd reads "from 1913 to 1938 inclusive" on its back, something I neglected to mention in my book. Chris also pointed out that my description of "dissimilar size" numerals in the face subtitle of L5Aa.1 and L5Aa.2 should also have noted that these numerals are sans-serif, while the later subtitles of evenly sized numerals are serif style. Another omission is that the word "Nickel" should be capitalized as it appears on the back of each Buffalo Nickel board where Fraser is credited as the designer.

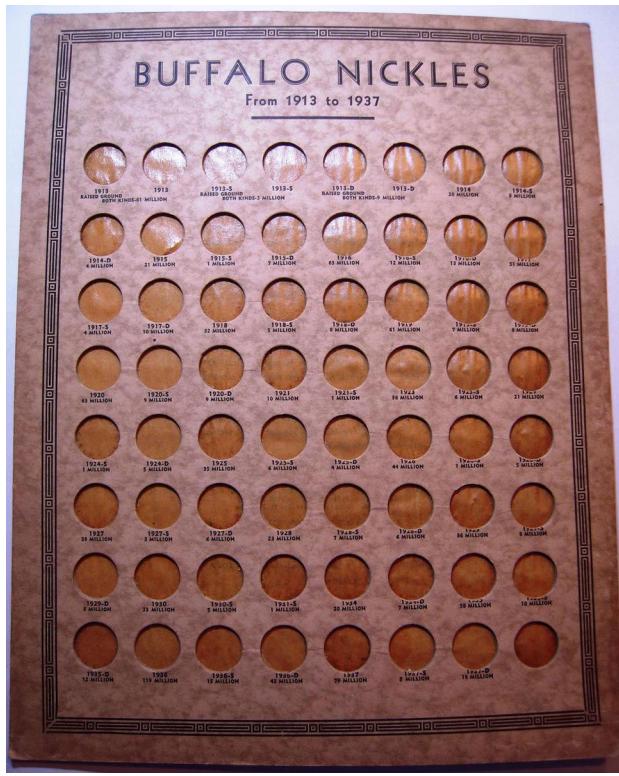
A second discovery from Chris is the 'a' backing paper on the Oberwise board for Early Nickels. This may now be added to your books as O5¢Aa. In an unusual twist, it has tan cardstock, something not seen previously before variety O5¢Ae. I made a couple Oberwise discoveries of my own in a recent purchase. O10¢At is confirmed for the Liberty Head Dime board, as is a new Mercury Dime variety that defies easy labeling. It is transitional between O10¢Bn and O10¢Bo, so I've revised the latter to read O10¢Bo.1. The new variety, O10¢Bo.2 has the "9 months of 1939" mintage figures of O10¢Bn, but its back combines features of two back paper varieties. The address reads 1317, as is normal for 'o' backs, but the omitted second 9 from the copyright date 193 is herein present, which is not usual for this back. While these are minor varieties of interest only to the most dedicated specialist, they reinforce the truth that possibilities for discovering new Oberwise variants are nearly endless.

My recent purchase of coin boards was rich in better-quality Lincoln Printing Company titles, so this would be a good time to think about adding a piece or two this often neglected series. Though not rare in an absolute sense, I've found that Lincoln brand boards are seldom found in grades above Fine. Nice examples are thus few and far between.

Postal rates are going up shortly, but I'll honor the current prices shown on page 3 through May.

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# MERCURY HEAD DIME PREMIUM CARD

|                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1916<br>22,180,080   |                      |                      | 1916-D<br>264,000    |                      |                      | 1916-S<br>10,450,000 |
| 1917<br>55,230,000   | 1917-D<br>9,402,000  | 1917-S<br>27,330,000 | 1918<br>26,680,000   | 1918-D<br>22,674,800 | 1918-S<br>19,300,000 | 1919<br>35,740,000   |
| 1919-D<br>9,939,000  | 1919-S<br>8,850,000  | 1920<br>59,030,000   | 1920-D<br>19,171,000 | 1920-S<br>13,820,000 | 1921<br>1,210,000    | 1921-D<br>1,090,000  |
| 1923<br>50,130,000   | 1923-S<br>6,440,000  | 1924<br>24,010,000   | 1924-D<br>6,810,000  | 1924-S<br>7,120,000  | 1925<br>25,610,000   | 1925-D<br>5,117,000  |
| 1925-S<br>5,850,000  | 1926<br>32,160,000   | 1926-D<br>6,625,000  | 1926-S<br>1,520,000  | 1927<br>28,050,000   | 1927-D<br>4,812,000  | 1927-S<br>4,770,000  |
| 1928<br>19,480,000   | 1928-D<br>4,161,000  | 1928-S<br>7,400,000  | 1929<br>25,970,000   | 1929-D<br>5,034,000  | 1929-S<br>4,730,000  | 1930<br>6,770,000    |
| 1930-S<br>1,843,000  | 1931<br>3,150,000    | 1931-D<br>1,260,000  | 1931-S<br>1,800,000  | 1934<br>24,080,000   | 1934-D<br>6,772,000  | 1935<br>56,830,000   |
| 1935-D<br>10,477,000 | 1935-S<br>15,840,000 | 1936<br>87,504,130   | 1936-D<br>16,132,000 | 1936-S<br>9,210,000  | 1937<br>56,865,756   | 1937-D<br>14,146,000 |
| 1938-D<br>5,537,000  | 1938-S<br>7,600,000  | 1939<br>46,545,920   | 1939-D<br>11,319,000 | 1939-S<br>4,800,000  | 1940<br>1940-D       | 1940-S<br>13,474,627 |

Premium Card No. 106

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